

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR
17 – 21 September 2018

Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
SCRUTINY COMMENTS

Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee met on 10 September 2018 and considered a report on changes to the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (HIAMP).

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendations to the Executive Councillor and agreed to pass on the following comments as part of his consideration of this item.

- The Committee supported response times becoming more risk based due to the increase in inspections, and the opportunity for Highways Officers to escalate or de-escalate a defect through a risk assessment.
- The Committee highlighted the essential need for Member-led input for escalation based on the number of enquiries to elected representatives being fed to the Highways Officer, or sent through our web portal.
- The Committee highlighted concern that the road hierarchy review could disproportionately affect the response times in rural area and requested that escalations / de-escalations were appropriately monitored for future review to ensure consistency.
- The Committee highlighted the need for the ability to review the hierarchy categorisation of a road between inspections should this be required.
- The Committee supported the formalisation of the "First-time fix" of defects has within the policy and highlighted the excellent feedback the "First-time fix" approach has received from members of the public.
- The Committee requested that the HIAMP was distributed to all elected Councillors for information and highlighted the HIAMP to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as a high quality and effective document.
- The Committee highlighted the need to continue to review the HIAMP on an annual basis.